# *Executive Proclamation*
## *State of South Dakota*
## *Office of the Governor*

***Whereas***, In 1907, following the completion of a rail line between Conde and LeBeau, South Dakota, the community of Tolstoy was established, and within a year, the prairie landscape of northern Potter County had three elevators towering over the countryside, prominent visuals of a community that took root because the land was well suited for grain farming; and,

***Whereas***, Tolstoy is proud of its rich German and German/Russian heritage, which is evident in the cuisine, thriftiness and detailed work ethic that still defines those that have chosen to remain; and,

***Whereas***, Tolstoy has always cared deeply about education with several of its buildings housing Tolstoy students until a 1964 election unanimously approved the building of a new school, remaining today as a symbol of the high regard to the value of education and fond memories created within its walls; and,

***Whereas***, Tolstoy takes great pride in her veterans—past, present and future, with its residents serving in all of the 20th century wars and continuing to serve for the preservation of our freedom; and,

***Whereas***, Tolstoy and the surrounding area remains richly diverse in Christian worship, being served by four vibrant churches; and,

***Whereas***, Tolstoy is known for its adaptation to change, and will celebrate the preservation of good memories and enthusiastically embrace the future as it recognizes 100 years of existence with centennial celebration festivities on June 15-17, 2007:

***Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 15-17, 2007, as

## *TOLSTOY CENTENNIAL DAYS*

in South Dakota.

***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

**Attest:**

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State